

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) 1. A cleaner comprising:

a suction motor mounted in a main body, and generating a suction force;

a filter ~~for collecting~~ that collects dust or filth sucked by the suction force generated at the suction motor;

a suction head connected with the filter by a suction pipe, and having an inlet through which dust and filth on a floor are sucked; and

a brush rotatably mounted at an inside of the suction head;

wherein, the inlet is partitioned into a first section and a second section by a belt cover ~~for protecting~~ that protects a belt winding around the brush, and a flow passage unit is formed at the brush so that air can flow between the first section and the second section, and

wherein the flow passage unit comprises:

a reduced-diameter portion where a diameter at opposite sides of a driven pulley around which the belt winds is reduced, respectively;

an exposed surface formed at each side of the driven pulley by the diameter-reduced portion; and

at least one flow passage penetrating the exposed surface.

2. (Currently Amended) The cleaner of claim 1, wherein the brush comprises:
a cylindrical brush hub;
brush hair mounted at an outer circumferential surface of the brush hub; and
[[a]] the flow passage unit is formed at the brush hub so that air can flow between
the first section and the second section of the inlet, which is partitioned by the belt cover.

3. (Canceled)

4. (Currently Amended) The cleaner of ~~claim 3~~ claim 2, wherein the diameter of
the ~~diameter-reduced~~ reduced-diameter portion becomes smaller, ~~as approaching toward~~
the exposed surface of the driven pulley.

5. (Currently Amended) The cleaner of ~~claim 3~~ claim 2, wherein the flow passage
is formed in [[a]] plural circular ~~form at a certain~~ forms with an interval therebetween in a
circumferential direction.

6. (Currently Amended) The cleaner of ~~claim 3~~ claim 2, wherein the flow passage
is formed in a semicircular form at the exposed surface ~~to penetrate~~.